

REMARKS

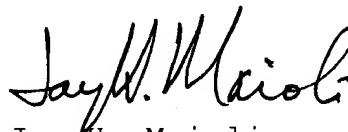
Claim 1 is pending in the application. Claim 27 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

This Amendment After Final is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal.

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 is under appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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